

Erie County Opiate Epidemic Task Force

Work Group Monthly Report

Work Group Name: Provider Education and Policy Reform.

Work Group Leader: Dr. Gale Burstein.

Work Group Chair: Dr. Gale Burstein and co chair Dr. Paul Updike.

Work Group Meeting Schedule: January 5th conference call.

Summary of meetings/Activities:

- WNY Acute Pain Management guidelines final version available on Task Force website as well as Erie County Health Advisory #343 pain management. ([HTTP://www2.erie.gov/health/sites/www2.erie.gov.health/files/uploads/PDFs/ECAcutePainMgmtGuidelines1206206.pdf](http://www2.erie.gov/health/sites/www2.erie.gov.health/files/uploads/PDFs/ECAcutePainMgmtGuidelines1206206.pdf)).
- Preparing for continuing education workshop title: Polypharmacy of Opioids & Benzo's, January 18th, 6-8 PM at Erie County Medical Society, 1317 Harlem Rd. Sponsored by an alliance of WNY medical community partners. IHA Foundation is running logistics.
- Planning follow-up Physician Buprenorphine trainings on February 28th and repeat on March 4th to discuss logistics of buprenorphine prescribing and offer mentoring and co-management opportunities.
- Planning another Buprenorphine prescribing training for physicians, NPs, and PAs. This will certify NPs and PAs for 8 hours of their 24 hour training requirements.
- Planning Boston Children's Hospital Adolescent Buprenorphine prescribing certification and SBIRT train the trainer's in Buffalo in the spring.
- Submitted LOS application partnering with Columbia University for pilot project funding Emergency Room Providers to prescribe Buprenorphine.
- Dr Burstein invited to represent local health departments on a panel in Albany 2/7/17 @ Hepatitis C summit. 90% of Hep C cases among people <30 years with known exposure are infected from sharing needles.

Support needed? Continued effort to recruit Physicians, PAs, and NPs to attend continuing education pain management workshops and Buprenorphine certification trainings. Communicate with, support, and promote full task force activities.